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U.S.S.N.: 10/764,344

Drawing Amendments

Please replace the informal drawing sheets (FIGS. 1 -11) submitted January 23, 2004 with the filing of the application with the attached formal replacement drawing sheets (FIGS. 1-11). A complete set of the replacement drawing sheets (FIGS. 1-11) are attached as Exhibit A to this response. The replacement drawing sheets contain no new matter.

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### **Remarks**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. To further the prosecution of the present application, claims 15, 16, 30, 31, 49, 88, 89, 90 and 96 have been amended and claims 75-77 and 87 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-74, 78-86, and 88-100 are pending in the application with claims 1, 17, 32, 35, 40, 42, 56, 69, 72, 78, 88, 89, 90, 95 and 98 in independent form. The specification has been amended herein to update serial number information for two referenced applications. Further, replacement drawing sheets are being submitted with this response. The application as presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

In the Office Action, claims 75-77 and 87 have been rejected as being anticipated by or obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,982,652 to Simonelli. Without acceding to the correctness of the rejection, and without prejudice to pursue these claims in one or more continuation applications, each of these claims has been cancelled herein.

Each of claims 88-94 has been objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim, but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 88, 89 and 90 have been rewritten to be in independent form and are in allowable condition. Claims 91-94 depend from claim 90 and are patentable for at least the same reasons.

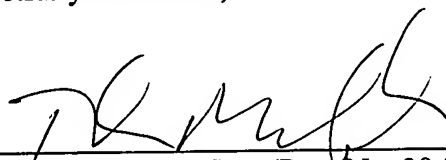
Each of claims 1-74, 78-86 and 95-100 have been allowed. Minor clarifying amendments have been made to each of claims 15, 16, 30, 31, 49 and 96.

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**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, the application is believed to be in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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